

**Minutes**  
Winchester Department of Social Services  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 25, 2014

**Members Present:** Betty Curtis, Eden Freeman, Marie Imoh, Rex Marshall, Nathaniel Prezzy, Karen Shipp, Les Taylor

**Members Absent:** Tricia Stiles, Kathy Tagnesi, Patrick Wingfield

**Staff/Guests:** Amber Johnson (WDSS Director), Georjean Coco (WDSS Asst. Director), Cindy Cooper (WDSS Benefits Supervisor), Vicki Whitmore (WDSS Benefits Supervisor), Jaimi Lineberg (WDSS Family Service Supervisor), Nancy Valentine (WDSS Finance Supervisor), Connie Greer (WDSS Fiscal Assistant)

**RECAP OF BOARD VOTES:**

**Motions:**

Motion to Adopt Minutes of June 26, 2014 Advisory Board Meeting

Motion to accept Community Partner Award Nominations for 2015

Motion to adjourn Advisory Board Meeting

**Action:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Betty Curtis

2<sup>nd</sup>: Les Taylor

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2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Imoh

1<sup>st</sup>: Eden Freeman

2<sup>nd</sup>: Betty Curtis

**Status:**

Approved

Unanimously

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Item	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to Order/Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Nathaniel Prezzy, Chair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the July 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.</li> </ul>
<b>Announcements</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Prezzy welcomed members and everyone introduced themselves to new Board Member Karen Shipp.</li> <li>Virginia Social Services Commissioner Margaret Shultz to visit Winchester Department of Social Services on October 21, 2014.</li> <li>Upcoming conference October 22, 2014 at 9 a.m. – "Strengthening and Empowering Families Through Community Connections." More information to come.</li> <li>Local Board Member training on October 9 in Warrenton.</li> <li>Mandated Reporter training on October 28, sponsored by WDSS to be held at the Our Health Campus, Eagle Board room.</li> <li>Santa for Seniors information distributed</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management Team Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Services Team</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Lineberg reported that the</li> </ul>

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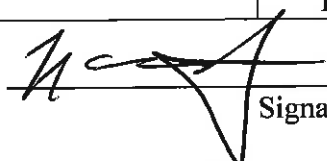
Item	Discussion	Action
		<p><i>Family Services Team currently had five new foster care cases, four guardianship cases, three youth in trial home visits for a total of thirty-seven children in foster care, including three children above age 18 in the Independent Living program. There are currently forty-nine children receiving adoption subsidy, with six children pending adoption. Agency is working to increase kinship foster/adoption arrangements. The results of the IV-E Audit in September showed zero errors. Training with Clarke, Frederick and Winchester regarding IV-E compliance.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Wingfield reported there is still an opening for a Family Services Specialist I. There were thirty-five valid and twenty-five invalid CPS referrals in August-September. Currently twelve investigations, twenty-five family assessments and two new ongoing CPS cases. Drug use/abuse are the cause of many of the new cases. Agency sent a family services worker to a conference with a Winchester police department member for training.</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Whitmore reported that the Benefits Team is currently fully staffed with several new workers. The number of SNAP and TANF applications remains steady. SNAP benefits will go up in October. Heating Assistance runs from October 14 to November 15, 2014. The Team continues to work through issues with the new VACMS system.</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Coco reported that the Self-Sufficiency Team awaits the start of new worker. The team deals with VIEW, childcare, and fraud investigation. There are forty-one</i></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Child Protective Services Team</li> <li>○ Benefits Team</li> <li>○ Self-Sufficiency Team</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Administrative Services</li> <li>• Social Services Staffing Report</li> <li>• Social Services Special Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Food Pantry</li> <li>○ Heater Fund</li> <li>○ McCrory Fund</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>VIEW cases and forty-three childcare cases. The Self-Sufficiency team will be administering responsible for the Heating Assistance (Fuel) program. The Cooling Program received two hundred sixty-six applications and paid out \$29,659.28 worth of electric payments.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No report</i></li> <li>• <i>The Family Services Specialist IV has started. A candidate has been selected for the Family Services Specialist I. Interviewing is underway for the Self-Sufficiency Specialist. Openings for a part-time Human Services Assistant and a part-time Office Associate are posted.</i></li> <li>• <i>Current Balance \$202.25</i></li> <li>• <i>Current Balance \$231.51; 25 heaters available</i></li> <li>• <i>Current Balance \$198,271.48</i></li> </ul>
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PR Committee Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Adoption Awareness month is November 2014. Ms. Lineberg requested volunteers from the Advisory Board to assist her with an adoption reception to take place after the November Advisory Board Meeting. She anticipated two or three meetings may be necessary to organize event.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of Member Recruitment</li> <li>• Foster Care Holiday Giving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>There are no vacancies on the Advisory Board at this time.</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Lineberg talked about the local businesses and organizations that work with Social Services to provide Christmas gifts and stockings for children in foster care and at-risk families in the community. Ms. Lineberg will contact interested Board Members to help.</i></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Partner Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dopkowski will request nominations from WDSS staff members for the next Community Partner award by January Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Taylor motioned to accept nominations for the Community Partner Award for 2015; Ms. Imoh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandated Reporting</li> <li>Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Wingfield reviewed the requirements for Mandated Reporters. See attachments.</li> <li>Ms. Farrell provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive Services Act. See attached materials.</li> </ul>
Date and Location of Next Meeting/Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next Social Service Advisory Board meeting will be Thursday, November 20, 2014, 4:00 pm in the DSS Board Room.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Freeman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. Ms. Curtis seconded; the motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul>

  
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Signature

  
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Date

Attachments: Winchester Department of Social Services Advisory Board Meeting September 25, 2014 Presentation  
Mandated Reporter Brochures

## Winchester Department of Social Services Advisory Board Meeting September 29, 2014

People helping people triumph over poverty, abuse and  
neglect to shape strong futures for themselves, their  
families and communities



## Announcements

- Welcome new board member, Karen Shipp!
- Upcoming Conference October 22, 2014, 9am— "Strengthening and Empowering Families Through Community Connections." See registration.
- Community Mandated Reporter Training—October 28, 2014, Our Health Eagle Boardroom, 9am
- VDSS Social Services Board Member Training—October 9, 2014
- Senior Santa. See handout.

## Management Team Report

- Family Services Team—Jaimi Lineberg
- Child Protective Services Team—Sarah Wingfield
- Benefit Programs Team—Cindy Cooper & Vicki Whitmore
- Self-Sufficiency Team—Georjean Coco
- Administration Team—Nancy Valentine

## Social Services Staffing Report

- Family Services Specialist IV—Welcome Will Hagy
- Family Services Specialist I—Candidate selected
- Self Sufficiency Specialist—Interviewing
- PT Human Services Assistant—Posted
- PT Office Associate—Posted

## Special Accounts

- Social Services Food Pantry--\$202.25 balance (cash and grocery cards)
- Social Services Heater Fund--\$231.51 fund balance; 25 heaters available
- McCrory Fund--\$198,271.48

## Board Activities

- Public Relations Committee
  - Adoption Awareness Month November 2014—Jaimi Lineberg

## Old Business

- Status of Member Recruitment—All vacancies filled
- Foster Care Holiday Giving—Jaimi Lineberg
- Community Partner Awards—Amber Dopkowski

## New Business

- Mandated Reporting—Sarah Wingfield
- Comprehensive Services Act Presentation—Karen Farrell

## Mandated Reporting

Sarah Wingfield, Family Services Supervisor

## Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)

Karen Farrell, City of Winchester CSA Coordinator

## What is the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)?

A Virginia law designed to help at-risk children, youth and their families (§2.2-5200).

State and local agencies, parents and private service providers work together to plan and provide services and supports. In each community local teams, referred to as the **Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)** and the **Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT)**, decide how to do this.

## Roles of the CPMT & FAPT

- **CPMT - The Community Policy and Management Team** coordinates efforts, manages the availability of funds, and sees that eligible youth and their families get help.
- **FAPT - The Family Assessment and Planning Team** reviews the strengths and needs of the child/youth and family and decides what services to provide.

## CPMT & FAPT

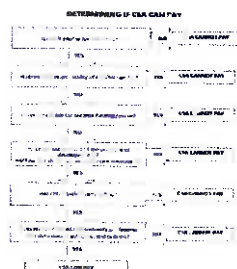
Both FAPT and CPMT Teams are comprised of:

- Parents
- Court Services Unit
- Department of Health
- Department of Social Services
- Public School
- Private Providers

## How does CSA Work?

- A meeting is scheduled with the FAPT Team and the family. In this meeting, the family takes an active role in discussing its strengths and needs.
- A facilitated Family Team Meeting is scheduled with family and at least two of the CPMT/FAPT partners in attendance.
- A service plan is developed to meet the identified needs.
- Paperwork is completed and submitted to CSA Coordinator.

## Can CSA Pay?



## Who is Eligible for CSA Services?

Services under the Comprehensive Services Act may be available to a child/youth who meets at least one of the following descriptions:

- Requires placement for special education
- In foster care or are eligible for foster care prevention services
- Eligible for services through a Child in Need of Services (CHINS)
- Have significant emotional or behavioral problems and may require services not available from any agency, require services of multiple agencies, or may be at-risk of residential placement.

## Mandated Funds

- Children placed for purposes of special education in approved private school education programs, previously funded by the Department of Education through private tuition assistance;
- Children with disabilities placed by local social service agencies or the Department of Juvenile Justice in private residential facilities or across jurisdictional lines in private, special education day schools, if the individualized education program indicates such school is the appropriate placement while living in foster homes or child-caring facilities, previously funded by the Department of Education through the Interagency Assistance Fund for Non-educational Placements of Handicapped Children;
- Children for whom foster care services, as defined by the Department of Social Services, are being provided to prevent foster care placements, and children placed through parental agreements, entrusted to local social service agencies by their parents or guardians or committed to the agencies by any court of competent jurisdiction for purposes of placement in suitable family home, child-caring institutions, residential facilities or independent living arrangements;
- Children placed by a juvenile and domestic relations district court, in a private or locally operated public facility or nonresidential program; or in a community or facility-based treatment program by Child in Need of Services Parental Agreement;
- Children committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and placed by it in a private home or in a public or private facility.

## Non-Mandated Funds

The Winchester CPMT also funds services under the Non-mandated category, annually, as state budget allocations permit for those youth who do not fall into the mandated categories described in the previous slide.

Typical Non-mandated populations are youth who are at-risk of requiring more intensive services due to behavioral, developmental, or mental health challenges.

Non-mandated service types are not limited, but typically include behavioral health or supportive services to strengthen families, and/or assist youth with the daily activities of life. Youth are eligible to receive services, as defined in the service plan, through age 18.

## Wrap Around Services for Students with Disabilities

- As established by policy of the State Executive Council, mandated funds may be utilized to provide wrap around services to support a student with an educational disability, and/or the student's family, when the FAPT identifies there are needs arising from the disability that threaten the student's ability to be maintained in the home, community, or school.
- Wrap around services may be provided to a student who is placed in a public school setting, a private day school, or being transitioned back to the community from an educational residential program.
  - Wrap around services must be:
    - Non-residential services
    - Provided in the home or community setting (not in a school setting)
    - Delineated in the IFSP and approved by the FAPT

## Parental Co-Payments

- Families may be required to make co-payments for services based upon a financial assessment
- Families will not be required to make copayments for foster care services or special education services
- Parents may be required to make child support payments for foster care services

## Utilization Review

CSA funding is reviewed by the FAPT/CPMT according to the following schedule:

- Yearly – Basic Foster Care maintenance and daycare
- Every 6 months – Special Education Placements
- Every 3 months – Clinical services, Intensive In-Home services, Therapeutic Foster Care or Residential Care

## CSA Website

- The CSA Website for Winchester can be accessed on the internet at: <http://www.winchesterva.gov/dss/comprehensive-services-act>
- The website has an overview of CSA, CPMT Agendas and Minutes; and CSA Forms and Publications.
- The forms on the CSA Website are writeable PDF documents.
- Instructions for referral to FAPT or FTM/IDT are also included on the website under Publications.

## CSA Forms on Website

- Checklist of CSA Documents
- Certification of Need
- Consent to Exchange Information
- CSA Budget Request
- CSA Eligibility Determination
- CSA Referral
- CSA Screening-Winchester City
- CSA Update Communication
- Foster Care Prevention Eligibility Determination
- Family Team Meeting (FTM) Report
- Family Team Meeting (FTM) Signature Sheet
- Individual Service Plan-Care Plan

## Next Meeting

Winchester Social Services Advisory Board

November 20, 2014, 4pm

Winchester Social Services  
24 Baker Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
Boardroom





**The Shenandoah Valley Family and Fatherhood Committee**

**Presents**

**A Community Partners' Day Event**

**"Strengthening and Empowering Families Through Community Connections"**

**October 22, 2014**

**Lord Fairfax Community College**

**Corron Building, Carl & Emily Thompson Conference Center**

**173 Skirmisher Lane**

**Middletown, VA 22645**

**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Registration Cost: FREE, AM Coffee & Pastries and lunch provided**

*Don't miss this exciting opportunity for community partners in Clarke, Frederick, Harrisonburg/Rockingham, Page, Shenandoah, Warren, and Winchester Counties to network and hear presentations and a panel discuss matters around "Family and Fatherhood." Come hear our key note speaker, Dr. Terry Morris who grew up in the foster care system, and how important the community became to him. Our focus for this Event is to address issues surrounding encouraging and maintaining safe, stable families and to focus on connecting and re-connecting fathers with their children and the benefits to community partners of strengthening families and involving fathers. Our VDSS Practice Model states, "We believe in partnering with others to support child and family success in a system that is family focused, child centered, and community based."*

**Space is limited. Registration Deadline is Friday, October 3, 2014**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY SENDING THIS REGISTRATION FORM VIA EMAIL TO:**

**sandra.bell@dss.virginia.gov**

**Confirmation will be sent via email prior to the event.**

**Please check here if you require a Vegetarian lunch! \_\_\_\_\_**

**Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**County \_\_\_\_\_ Agency & Title \_\_\_\_\_**

**Wk Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Telephone \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**If you would like to receive CEU's, check here \_\_\_\_\_**

**For questions, please contact: Sandy Bell, at 540-347-6211**



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GIFT SUGGESTIONS-Please **choose three** – (If clothing please specify size)

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Toiletry items	_____	Towels (Bath/Kitchen)	_____
Word Search Puzzles	_____	Blanket	_____
Pens/Stationary	_____	Stamps	_____
Diabetic Socks	_____	Calendar	_____
Slippers	size _____	Socks	size _____
Gloves	size _____	Sweater	size _____
Jogging Suit	size _____	Robe	size _____
T-shirt	size _____	Pajamas	size _____
Household Products	_____	Grocery Gift Card (Martins Or Food Lion)	_____

Other Items (Is there a hobby this person enjoys?) \_\_\_\_\_

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RELEASE: I authorize any public or private custodian of records or information about me to  
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I understand this information will be used solely for the 2014 Christmas assistance program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*To us, it's personal.*

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Attention: Cheryl Stickland

# WDSS Advisory Board

Position	FirstName	LastName	Suffix	Unexpired Term		First Term		Second Term	
				From	To	From	To	From	To
	Betty	Curtis		4/14/2009	3/31/2011	3/31/2011	3/31/2015		
	Marie	Imoh				4/9/2013	3/31/2017		
	Rex	Marshall		9/10/2013	3/31/2015				
Chair	Nathaniel	Prezzy	Jr.			4/12/2011	3/31/2015		
	Karen	Shipp				8/26/2014	3/31/2018		
Vice Chair	Patricia	Stiles				4/9/2013	3/31/2017		
	Kathryn	Tagnesi				4/12/2011	3/31/2015		
	Les	Taylor				6/11/2013	3/13/2017		
	Patrick	Wingfield				4/9/2013	3/31/2017		
Ex Officio	Eden	Freeman				7/24/2014	n/a		